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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**FRESNO DIVISION**

VANESSA M. LUNA and  
GABRIELA VALDEZ,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

CASE NO.: 1:22-cv-00753-JLT-SKO

**JOINT STIPULATION  
TO EXTEND TIME FOR PARTIES TO  
FILE FOR DISMISSAL & ORDER**

**(Doc. 24)**

**Magistrate Judge: Sheila K. Oberto**

Pursuant to this Court's December 21, 2023, Minute Order, requiring the dismissal of the instant case by January 16, 2024, 2023, the parties to the above-entitled action jointly submit this statement:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Plaintiffs, VANESSA M. LUNA and GABRIELA VALDEZ (jointly "Plaintiffs") and Defendant THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA ("Defendant") (Plaintiffs and Defendant referred collectively as the "Parties"), by and through their respective counsel, reached an agreement as to the material terms of the settlement

1 of the above referenced case at the December 19, 2023, Settlement Conference. Although the parties  
2 reached a settlement-in-principle, the settlement is contingent upon execution of a formal settlement  
3 agreement and release of claims ("Agreement") which is still being negotiated, and upon completion  
4 of specified terms in that Agreement that must be performed before the action can be dismissed.

5 The parties estimate that they will need an additional 45 days to dismiss the case upon  
6 execution of such an Agreement and completion of the specified conditions, or if any conditions  
7 remain pending to provide the Court with a further status report.

8 Therefore, upon the above showing of good cause, the Parties jointly and respectfully  
9 request that the Court grant an additional 45 days, or until March 1, 2024, to dismiss the action or  
10 to provide a further status report as to why the matter has not been dismissed.

11 IT IS SO STIPULATED AND REQUESTED.

12 DATED: January 16, 2024

13 By: /s/ *Raquel M. Busani*  
14 Raquel M. Busani, Esq.  
15 Attorney for Plaintiffs, VANESSA M.  
16 LUNA and GABRIELA VALDEZ

17 DATED: January 16, 2024

18 OGLETREE, DEAKINS, NASH, SMOAK &  
19 STEWART, P.C.

20 By: /s/ *Sean P. Nalty*  
21 SEAN P. NALTY  
22 Attorneys for Defendant THE GUARDIAN  
23 LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF  
24 AMERICA

25 **ATTESTATION OF E-FILED SIGNATURE**

26 The signatories have authorized the filing of this stipulation with electronic signatures. I,  
27 Raquel M. Busani, attest that all other signatories listed, and on whose behalf the filing is  
28 submitted, concur in the filing's content and have authorized the filing.

By: /s/ *Raquel M. Busani*  
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**ORDER**

Pursuant to the foregoing stipulation of the parties (Doc. 24), and for good cause shown (see E.D. Cal. L.R. 160(b)), it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file their dispositional documents by no later than March 1, 2024.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **January 17, 2024**

/s/ Sheila K. Oberto  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE